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## AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A luminous composition, comprising:

cement; and

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micro-capsules comprising an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof.

2. A luminous composition, comprising:

hydraulic cement;

a polymer;

limestone; and

micro-capsules comprising an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof.

- 3. The composition of claim 2, wherein the alkaline earth metal aluminate is a strontium aluminate.
- 4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the polymer is a polyvinyl acetate polymer.
  - 5. The composition of claim 2, wherein the light-transmitting glass is a silica glass.
- 6. The composition of claim 2, wherein the light-transmitting resin is an acrylic resin.
- 7. The composition of claim 2, wherein the micro-capsules range in size from about 0.7  $\mu$ m to about 135  $\mu$ m.

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- 8. The composition of claim 2, further comprising silica.
- 9. The composition of claim 2, comprising about 16% by weight hydraulic cement, about 14% by weight polymer, about 45% to about 60% by weight limestone, about 15% by weight micro-capsules of alkaline earth metal aluminate and optionally about 7% to about 10% by weight silica.
- 10. The composition of claim 2, wherein less than about 30% of the encapsulated aluminate is fractured.
  - 11. A luminous composition comprising:

hydraulic cement;

a polymer;

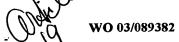
limestone;

a curing decelerant;

an anti-foaming agent; and

micro-capsules of an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting, resin, glass or combination thereof.

- 12. The composition of claim 11, further comprising silica.
- 13. The composition of claim 11, wherein the polymer is a polyvinyl acetate polymer.
- 14. The composition of claim 11, wherein the light-transmitting glass is a silica glass.



- 15. The composition of claim 11, wherein the light-transmitting resin is an acrylic resin.
- 16. The composition of claim 11, wherein the micro-capsules range in size from about 0.7  $\mu m$  and about 200  $\mu m$ .
- 17. The composition of claim 11, wherein the alkaline earth metal aluminate is a strontium aluminate.
- 18. The composition of claim 10, comprising about 16% by weight cement, about 14% by weight polymer, about 55% to about 60% by weight limestone, about 0.05% to about 0.3% by weight curing decelerant, about 0.10% by weight anti-foaming agent, about 10% by weight encapsulated alkaline earth metal aluminate and optionally about 4.5% by weight silica.
- 19. The composition of claim 11, wherein less than about 30% of the encapsulated aluminate is fractured.
  - 20. A luminous composition comprising:

hydraulic cement;

silica sand;

a polymer;

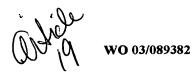
a thickener;

a whitener; and

micro-capsules comprising an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof.



- 21. The composition of claim 20, wherein the polymer is a vinyl acetate ethylene copolymer.
- 22. The composition of claim 20, wherein the light-transmitting glass is a silica glass.
- 23. The composition of claim 20, wherein the light-transmitting resin is an acrylic resin.
- 24. The composition of claim 20, wherein the micro-capsules range in size from about 0.7  $\mu$ m and about 200  $\mu$ m.
- 25. The composition of claim 20, wherein the alkaline earth metal aluminate is a strontium aluminate.
- 26. The composition of claim 20, comprising about 38% by weight cement, about 43.9% by weight silica sand, about 4% by weight polymer, about 0.1% by weight thickener, about 4% by weight whitener and about 10% by weight encapsulated alkaline earth metal aluminate.
- 27. The composition of claim 20, wherein less than about 30% of the encapsulated aluminate is fractured.
- 28. An alkaline earth metal aluminate powder comprising a plurality of microcapsules of an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, glass or combination thereof, wherein the micro-capsules range in size from about 0.7  $\mu$ m and about 200  $\mu$ m and wherein less than about 30% of the encapsulated aluminate is fractured.



- 29. A method of making an alkaline earth metal aluminate powder, the method comprising cooling an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting, resin, glass or combination thereof to a temperature of about -250°F to about -350°F; and rendering the encapsulated aluminate into a powder comprising micro-capsules of the alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in the light-transmitting resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof, the micro-capsules ranging in size from about 0.7  $\mu$ m to about 200  $\mu$ m, wherein less than about 30% of the encapsulated aluminate is fractured.
- 30. The method of claim 29, wherein when the aluminate is encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, the method further comprises heating the powder to a temperature about equal to or less than the resin's glass transition temperature.
  - 31. An alkaline earth metal aluminate powder made by the process of claim 29.
- 32. A method of making a luminous composition, the method comprising cooling an alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof to a temperature of about -250°F to about -350°F;

rendering the encapsulated alkaline earth metal aluminate into a powder comprising micro-capsules comprising the alkaline earth metal aluminate encapsulated in the light-transmitting, resin, light-transmitting glass or combination thereof, the micro-capsules ranging in size from about 0.7  $\mu$ m to about 200  $\mu$ m; and

combining the aluminate powder with hydraulic cement, a polymer, and limestone to produce a luminous composition.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein when the aluminate is encapsulated in a light-transmitting resin, the process further comprises heating the powder to a temperature equal to



or less than the resin's glass transition temperature before adding it to the hydraulic cement, polymer and limestone.

- 34. The method of claim 32, wherein the alkaline earth metal aluminate is a strontium aluminate.
  - 35. A luminous composition made by the process of claim 32.